



## Sammie Viola Cretsinger

September 9, 1913 - February 15, 2004

Cretsinger, Sammie Viola, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004 in Athens at the age of 90. Mrs. Cretsinger was a native of Powell, TX, born September 9, 1913. She was the last surviving of seven siblings born to Samuel and Viola Benson. She and her late husband, Tommie Cretsinger, were former residents of Palestine where they owned and operated Cretsingers Meat Market. After retirement, they moved to Athens where she was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church. Mrs. Cretsinger was an avid reader, and still enjoyed playing games with her family. Survivors: daughter; Joann Rushing and her husband J.L. of Athens, grandsons; Raymond Smith of Whitesboro, Joel Rushing of Athens, 4 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Visitation: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens. Funeral: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004 at the First United Pentecostal Church of Athens, Rev. O.L. Davis officiating. Burial: 2:00 p.m., Broyles Chapel Cemetery near Palestine.